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1. WE WERE DISAPPOINTED TO LEARN FROM REFTTEL THAT YOU ARE NOT PLANNING TO SEND YOUR NARCOTICS COORDINATOR SINCE THE DEA REPRESENTATIVE IS NOT PLANNING ON ATTENDING. AS YOU KNOW, THE DEPARTMENT IS THE OVERALL COORDINATOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS PROGRAM AND THE SECRETARY IS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CABINET COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL. WHILE WE ARE URGING DEA TO SEND THEIR SAIGON REPRESENTATIVE, WE BELIEVE EMBASSY WITH ITS FOREIGN AFFAIRS LEADERSHIP ROLE SHOULD CONSIDER SENDING AN FSO REPRESENTATIVE INDEPENDENT OF WHAT OTHER AGENCIES DO.

2. WE BELIEVE SOUTH VIET-NAM HAS A VITAL REGIONAL ROLE TO PLAY IN REGIONAL CONTROL AND COOPERATION IN INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS MATTERS AND AN EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVE COULD MAKE AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE SUCCESS OF THE MEETING.

3. WHILE WE REALIZE THE EMBASSY MUST GAUGE ITS PRIORITIES AND USE OF TRAVEL FUNDS, WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR RECONSIDERATION.

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